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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

NASHUA MAN SENTENCED TO 6 ½ YEARS ON FEDERAL WEAPON CONVICTION

United States v. Darrin WHITE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Nashua Police Chief Donald Gross announced that Darrin WHITE, DOB 6/03/80, of Nashua, New Hampshire was sentenced today on his federal conviction for felon in possession of a firearm.

On January 16, 2004, WHITE, a convicted felon, entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm on August 31, 2003. WHITE was previously convicted of theft and drug felonies in Hillsborough County in 2001 and 2003.

At today's sentencing, Judge McAuliffe imposed a sentence of 78 months (6 ½ years) imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which White's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws. Attorney General John Ashcroft recently called Project Safe Neighborhoods "a revolutionary campaign against gun crime in America."

The prosecution against WHITE, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Nashua Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.